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Dear Mr. Braxton,

I wanted to update you on the progress being made on the Southwest Jordan Valley Groundwater Cleanup project. I also wanted to invite you or your representative to be a member of a Stakeholder Forum I am putting together for this project.

As you know, the project's focus is to clean-up ground water contaminated from historic mining activities in the Oquirrh Mountains in southwest Salt Lake County. The goal is to treat sulfate-contaminated groundwater and provide municipal-quality drinking water to the public. The public comment period on the proposal closed in late November. Since that time, my staff has been working with representatives from Kennecott, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD) and other State water agencies in a technical review of comments and preparation of the responsiveness summary. As Trustee, it is my responsibility to review the public comments, review and finalize the summary, and issue a decision on the proposal. The decision and the responsiveness summary will be made publicly available. This has been a time consuming process, but it is important that each comment received be appropriately considered.

During the public comment period, a number of people made requests that the communication loop with the public be strengthened. With that in mind, our outreach will now include:

Stakeholder Forum Meetings

Under my direction, a Stakeholder Forum has been organized. On a regular basis, JVWCD, Kennecott and DEQ will sit down with representatives of various community groups to provide project updates and discuss proposals under consideration as well as the ongoing work of the Technical Review Committee (TRC). This Forum will be in addition to formal public comment periods, which will remain an important part of the overall process. I have enclosed an outline that further describes the Forum's purpose and function.

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Our first meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, March 17 at 5:30 pm.
South Jordan City Council Chambers
11175 South Redwood Road, South Jordan

The two agenda items for this meeting will be a discussion on the Forum and its purpose and a presentation by the JWCDC on the status of its project. As you may have heard in recent media reports, JWCDC has withdrawn its proposal to discharge to the Jordan River and is in the process of re-evaluating previously considered options.

Please RSVP for this first meeting to Renette Anderson at 536-4478 or at renetteanderson@utah.gov

E-mail Updates

Periodic project updates will be e-mailed, upon request. You will receive these e-mails and we will notify others of the services. Requests can be sent to deqinfo@utah.gov

Continued Online Access to Information

We will continue to post project related information on our website at <http://www.deq.utah.gov/issues/nrd/index.htm>

I appreciate your interest in this issue and look forward to meeting with you soon. The environment is best served when we all work together on solutions.

Best regards,



Dianne R. Nielson, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Tom Munson

**SOUTHWEST JORDAN VALLEY
GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION PROJECT
STAKEHOLDER FORUM MEETING**

South Jordan City Hall
11175 South Redwood Road
Wednesday, March 17, 2004
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and Introduction | Dianne Nielson
Dept. of Environmental Quality |
| 2. Introduction of Stakeholder Forum
Purpose and Goals
Meeting Process and Support
Selection of a Vice Chair | Dianne Nielson |
| 3. Presentation
Reverse Osmosis by-product water
disposal alternatives | Richard Bay and Mark Atencio
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy
District |
| 4. Facilitated Discussion
Factors important in selection of a disposal alternative
Alternatives initially considered
Other alternatives? | Tracylee Clarke, SWCA Consultants |
| 5. Next Steps
Issues for Next Meeting
Next Meeting | Tracylee Clarke |

SOUTHWEST JORDAN VALLEY GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION PROJECT

STAKEHOLDER FORUM

Purpose

- Provide a forum for sharing information with affected parties and discussing issues surrounding the cleanup of ground water contaminated by historical mining activities in the Oquirrh Mountains in Salt Lake County. This forum is not a substitute for Public Notice and Comment periods, but a mechanism for providing information and sharing perspectives on an ongoing basis.
- Facilitate a better understanding of the technical issues and decisions before the Technical Review Committees (TRCs) for the Kennecott South Area and North Area. The Stakeholder Forum is not a substitute for the TRCs, but rather enhances communication and understanding of the work of the TRCs.

Membership

- Members of the Forum represent each of the various areas identified below.

AREA WELL OWNERS (2)

ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES (2)

DUCK CLUBS (1)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (6)

Copperton

Herriman City

South Jordan City

City of West Jordan

Riverton City

Salt Lake County

FEDERAL AGENCY (3)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

STATE AGENCY (3)

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM)

State Engineer/Division of Water Rights

GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION JOINT PROPOSAL PARTIES

Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JWCD)

Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (KUCC)

- Members are selected by the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Term of service is 2 years, with an opportunity for reappointment. A Member may be represented by a substitute or designee for a meeting if advance notice is given to the Chair. In such an instance, the Member is responsible for bring the substitute up to speed on previously considered issues for purposes of the scheduled discussion.
- In agreeing to participate, the Members will be expected not only to attend meetings but also to share information and provide perspectives from the groups they have been asked to represent.

Meetings

- Forum Members will be invited to sit at the table and participate in discussions. All meetings will be facilitated. Discussion will be focused on agenda items and limited to those issues over which DEQ has authority. Other issues raised may be referred to a more appropriate entity.
- The Forum will meet at least quarterly, in the late afternoon/evening, and more often when necessary to ensure effective communication of information.
- Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and listen to the presentations and to the forum discussions. Meeting agendas and summaries will also be posted on the DEQ website.
- Meeting arrangements will be coordinated by DEQ. The DEQ Executive Director (Natural Resource Damage Trustee) will serve as chairperson and the committee shall select a vice chair. The two will work together to develop agendas. For certain issues, Jordan Valley or Kennecott may take the lead for a meeting. In these circumstances, the agenda will still be jointly developed.
- No formal votes will be taken and it is recognized upfront that consensus may not be achieved.
- A representative from DEQ Public Affairs will serve as staff support and help provide overall guidance and assistance with the process.

FORUM MEMBERS

- (2) AREA WELL OWNERS

- 1 - Betty Naylor
- 2 - Richard Schmidt

- (2) ENVIRONMENTAL

- 1 - Great Salt Lake Alliance - Maunsel Pearce
- 2 - Wasatch Clean Air Coalition - Kathy Vandame

- (1) DUCK CLUB

- 1- Westside Duck Club - Dick West

- (6) LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- 1- Copperton (Town Council President Russ Ray's representative)
- 2- Herriman City - Mayor Lynn Crane
- 3- South Jordan City - Gary Whatcott, Administrative Services Director
- 4- City of West Jordan - Roger Payne, Public Works
- 5- Riverton City - Scott Hill, Public Works
- 6- Salt Lake County - Councilman Mike Jensen (or AA Ryan Perry)

- (3) FEDERAL AGENCY

- 1- EPA - Eva Hoffman
- 2- USGS - Bert Stolp
- 3- US Fish and Wildlife (Henry Maddux or representative)

- (3) STATE AGENCY

- 1 - DEQ - Dianne Nielson
- 2 - DOGM -(Lowell Braxton's representative)
- 3 - State Engineer/Water Rights -(Jerry Olds' representative)

GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION JOINT PROPOSAL PARTIES

- Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District - Richard Bay
- Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation - Paula Doughty